

PRACTICAL SPIRITUAL PRINCIPLES FOR A SUCCESSFUL 2022

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PROPOSITION: There are certain Bible principles found within the pages of the Bible that can help us enjoy a successful 2022.

OBJECTIVE: To promote faithfulness among Christians that will result in glory and honor given to God, and also enjoying a successful year.

INTRODUCTION:

1. Thank God for another year and opportunity to serve God!
2. This year was not promised last year, but thanks to God's love and mercy, here we are!
3. It is God's desire for His people to live a successful spiritual life in Christ. A quality of life that brings glory and honor to God.
4. For this reason, let us briefly examine three practical spiritual principles that can help us to enjoy a successful 2022.
5. We will also discuss the benefits of practicing these principles.
6. Remember to apply these principles to your life! (James 1:22-25).

To have a successful 2022, Christians must...

I. PUT GOD FIRST IN YOUR LIFE EVERYDAY.

1. *The Bible encourages us to always put God first in our lives:*
 - a. Jesus said it (Matthew 6:33; John 4:34).
 - b. Joshua promoted it (Joshua 24:15).
 - c. David encouraged it (Psalm 27:4).
 - d. Paul also encouraged it (Philippians 1:21).
2. *Putting God first means...*
 - a. We will strive daily to do His will.
 - b. We will strive to communicate more often with Him through prayer!
 - c. We will not love the world (1 John 2:15-17; James 4:4; Matthew 6:24).
 - d. We will be committed to His cause!
 - e. We will imitate His Son, Jesus Christ!
3. May God help us to honor Him by always putting Him first in our lives!

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II. WORK HARD ON HAVING A STRONG FAITH.

1. *Remember that faith has multiple meanings in the Bible:*
 - a. It can be a reference to the Word of God (Jude 3; Acts 13:9ss).
 - b. It can be a reference to trusting and obeying God (Thayer's definition).

- c. Remember, “without faith it is impossible to please God” (Hebrews 11:6).
- 2. *How do we know we have a strong faith?*
 - a. We have a deep respect for the Word of God!
 - b. We trust God in every situation of our lives!
 - c. We seek always to do the Fathers’ Will, even when life is difficult!
 - d. We have a faith that is accompanied by works of obedience (James 2).
 - e. We strongly believe that Jesus is the Son of God!
- 3. *What are the benefits of having the kind of faith that God would have us to have?*
 - a. We enjoy the eternal salvation of our souls (Eph 2:8-9).
 - b. We are able to overcome the world (1 John 5:4).
 - c. We are able to please God (Heb 11:6).
 - d. Our prayers are answered (Matt 21:22).
- 4. Let us listen to Jesus’ words, “Have faith in God” (Mk 11:22).
- 5. Let us remember the great people of God under the Old Testament who had a strong faith in God (Heb 11).
- 6. Let us remember that faith comes by hearing God’s Word (Rom. 10:17).
- 7. These are traits of a Christian who has a strong faith!
- 8. We can enjoy a successful 2022 by having a strong faith that pleases God!

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III. DEDICATE MORE TIME TO SERVING GOD IN HIS KINGDOM.

- 1. *This should be our attitude:*
 - a. “To the work, to the work, we are servants of God”
 - b. “I want to be a worker for the Lord”
- 2. *The Bible encourages us to stay busy in the work of the Lord:*
 - a. 1 Corinthians 15:58 – We are to abound in the work of the Lord.
- 3. *We need more Christians like..*
 - a. **Timothy** who worked hard for the Lord (1 Corinthians 16:10, “He does the work of the Lord).
 - b. **Epaphroditus** worked hard for the Lord and the brethren. “Because for the work of Christ he came close to death, not regarding his life, to supply what was lacking in your service toward me.” (Philippians 2:30).
 - c. **The church at Thessalonica**, “Remembering without ceasing your work of faith, labor of love, and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ in the sight of our God and Father” (1 Thessalonians 1:3).
 - d. Those of Rome such as **Mary**, “Who labored much for us” (Romans 16:6); **Persis**, “Who labored much in the Lord” (Romans 16:12).
 - e. **Paul** who labored much for the Lord (Accomplishments of Paul).
- 4. We should always ask ourselves: *What kind of work am I doing for the Lord?*
- 5. Let us find ways to serve in God’s Kingdom!
- 6. *Some areas of work:*
 - a. Evangelism
 - b. Serving one another

- c. Visitation
 - d. Worship
 - e. Encouragement to others
 - f. Etc.
7. May God keep us busy in His Kingdom!

IV. BENEFITS OF ALWAYS SEEKING GOD'S WILL, HAVING A STRONG FAITH, AND WORKING HARD IN GOD'S KINGDOM.

- 1. God will be glorified through our faithfulness!
- 2. The work of the church will be blessed!
- 3. We will be a good example to others!
- 4. We will grow spiritually!
- 5. We will make it to heaven!

CONCLUSIÓN:

- 1. Enjoying a successful 2022 is possible with God's help!
- 2. Let us do our part in doing God's Will so that we can enjoy a profitable year 2022.
- 3. May we give God the honor and glory He deserves!
- 4. If you have not obeyed the Gospel of Christ, we encourage you to do so, before it is eternally, too late!

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